

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**District of New Jersey**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**CASE NUMBER 1:17-CR-00287-JHR-1**

ERIC ZIEGLER

Defendant.

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
**(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)**

The defendant, ERIC ZIEGLER, was represented by BRUCE K. WARREN.

The defendant pleaded guilty to counts 1 & 2 of the INFORMATION on 7/25/2017. Accordingly, the court has adjudicated that the defendant is guilty of the following offenses§§:

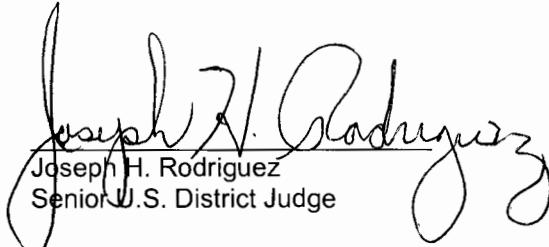
| <u>Title &amp; Section</u>         | <u>Nature of Offense</u>        | <u>Date of Offense</u>     | <u>Count Numbers</u> |
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| 18 USC §§ 2252A(a)(2)(A)AND(b)(1), | Receipt of Child Pornography    | 2/2015 thru<br>12/3/2015   | 1                    |
| 18 USC §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B)AND(b)(2)  | Possession of Child Pornography | 07/2015 thru<br>12/01/2015 | 2                    |

As pronounced on December 12, 2017, the defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

It is ordered that the defendant must pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100.00 for count 1, \$100.00 for count 2, to produce a total amount of \$200.00 which shall be due immediately. Said special assessment shall be made payable to the Clerk, U.S. District Court.

It is further ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of any material change in economic circumstances.

Signed this 18th day of December, 2017.



Joseph H. Rodriguez  
 Senior U.S. District Judge

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### **IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 180 months, on Count One and Count Two to be served concurrently

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons: Defendant be placed in a facility as near as possible to his home address

The judgment with respect to visitation with defendant's daughter will be at the full discretion of the mother.

The defendant will remain in custody pending service of sentence.

### **RETURN**

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

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At \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal

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## SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of Life.

Within 72 hours of release from custody of the Bureau of Prisons, you must report in person to the Probation Office in the district to which you are released.

While on supervised release, you must not commit another federal, state, or local crime, must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance and must comply with the mandatory and standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as set forth below.

Based on information presented, you are excused from the mandatory drug testing provision, however, you may be requested to submit to drug testing during the period of supervision if the probation officer determines a risk of substance abuse.

You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer

At the commencement of supervision, you must register with the state sex offender registration agency in the State of New Jersey or any state where you reside or are employed, carry on a vocation, or are a student, as directed by the U.S. Probation Office.

If this judgment imposes a fine, special assessment, costs, or restitution obligation, it is a condition of supervised release that you pay any such fine, assessments, costs, and restitution that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release.

You must comply with the following special conditions:

### COMPUTER MONITORING

You must submit to an initial inspection by the U.S. Probation Office, and to any unannounced examinations during supervision, of your computer equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, personal computers, personal digital assistants, entertainment consoles, cellular telephones, and/or any electronic media device which is owned or accessed by you. You must allow the installation on your computer of any hardware or software systems which monitor computer use. You must pay the cost of the computer monitoring program. You must abide by the standard conditions of computer monitoring. Any dispute as to the applicability of this condition will be decided by the Court.

### FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Upon request, you must provide the U.S. Probation Office with full disclosure of your financial records, including commingled income, expenses, assets and liabilities, to include yearly income tax returns. With the exception of the financial accounts reported and noted within the presentence report, you are prohibited from maintaining and/or opening any additional individual and/or joint checking, savings, or other financial accounts, for either personal or business purposes, without the knowledge and approval of the U.S. Probation Office. You must cooperate with the U.S. Probation Officer in the investigation of your financial dealings and must provide truthful monthly statements of your income. You must cooperate in the signing of any authorization to release information forms permitting the U.S. Probation Office access to your financial records.

### MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

You must undergo treatment in a mental health program approved by the U.S. Probation Office until discharged by the Court. As necessary, said treatment may also encompass treatment for gambling, domestic violence and/or anger management, as approved by the U.S. Probation Office, until discharged by the Court. The U.S. Probation Office will supervise your compliance with this condition.

### RESTRICTED CONTACT WITH MINORS

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With the exception of brief, unanticipated and incidental contacts, you must not associate with children under the age of 18, except for family members or children in the presence of an adult who has been approved by the U.S. Probation Officer. You must not obtain employment or perform volunteer work which includes, as part of its job/work description, contact with minor children, without the expressed approval of the U.S. Probation Office. You must not maintain, within your residence or within any outside establishment within your control or custody, a collection of digital images or videos, films, slides, pictures, tapes, videotapes or other form of pictorial representation whose subject matter involves minor children of either sex and can be deemed to be pornographic. The U.S. Probation Office will have the right of reasonable search of your person and residence, or any other establishment within your custody or control, and will, if necessary, request the assistance of other law enforcement personnel to enforce the provisions of this special condition.

#### NEW DEBT RESTRICTIONS

You are prohibited from incurring any new credit charges, opening additional lines of credit, or incurring any new monetary loan, obligation, or debt, by whatever name known, without the approval of the U.S. Probation Office. You must not encumber or liquidate interest in any assets unless it is in direct service of the fine and/or restitution obligation or otherwise has the expressed approval of the Court.

#### POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

You must submit to an initial polygraph examination and subsequent maintenance testing, at intervals to be determined by the U.S. Probation Office, to assist in treatment, planning, and case monitoring. You will be required to contribute to the costs of services rendered in an amount to be determined by the U.S. Probation Office, based on ability to pay or availability of third-party payment.

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## STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

- 1) You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
- 2) After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
- 3) You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
- 4) You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
- 5) You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 6) You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
- 7) You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have fulltime employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- 8) You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
- 9) If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
- 10) You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
- 11) You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
- 12) If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.

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- 13) You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

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Upon a finding of a violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the Court may (1) revoke supervision or (2) extend the term of supervision and/or modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions, and have been provided a copy of them.

You shall carry out all rules, in addition to the above, as prescribed by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer, or any of his associate Probation Officers.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESTITUTION AND FORFEITURE

### RESTITUTION

The defendant shall make restitution in the amount of \$215,000.00. Payments should be made payable to the **U.S. Treasury** and mailed to Clerk, U.S.D.C., 402 East State Street, Rm 2020, Trenton, New Jersey 08608, for proportionate distribution to the following victims in the following amounts:

| <u>Name of Payee (Victim)</u>   | <u>Amount of Restitution</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Tanya Hakins in the trust account for the 8kids Series<br>Law Office of Erik Bauer<br>215 Tacoma Ave., S.<br>Tacoma, Washington 98402 | \$125,000.00                 |
| Carol L. Hepburn in trust for Vicky<br>200 First Avenue West<br>Suite 550<br>Seattle, Washington 98119                                | \$10,000.00                  |
| Lehan Law, P.L.L.C., F/B/O Angels<br>2655 Villa Creek<br>Suite 222<br>Dallas, Texas 75234   | \$12,000.00                  |
| Carol L. Hepburn in trust for Sarah<br>200 First Avenue West<br>Suite 550<br>Seattle, Washington 98119                                | \$25,000.00                  |
| Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day, LLC for "Cindy"<br>415 Hamilton Boulevard<br>Peoria, Illinois 61602  | \$8,000.00                   |
| Tanya Hawkins in the trust account for Emily<br>Law Offices of Erik Bauer<br>215 Tacoma Ave. S.<br>Tacoma, Washington                 | \$25,000.00                  |
| Carol L. Hepburn in trust for Violet<br>200 First Avenue West<br>Suite 550<br>Seattle, Washington 98119                               | \$10,000.00                  |

The restitution is due immediately. It is recommended that you participate in the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program (IFRP). If you participate in the IFRP, the restitution will be paid from those funds at a rate equivalent to \$25 every 3 months. In the event the entire restitution is not paid prior to the commencement of supervision, you must satisfy the amount due in monthly installments of no less than \$300.00, to commence 30 days after release from confinement.

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Forfeiture will be ordered and the Court will await an order to be submitted by counsel.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) JVTA assessment, (8) penalties, and (9) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.